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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A magneto-optical recording medium comprising a magneto-optical recording layer and an auxiliary magnetic layer, wherein a recorded magnetic domain of said magneto-optical recording layer is magnetically transferred to said auxiliary magnetic layer upon irradiation with a reproducing radiation, whereby a larger magnetic domain than said recording magnetic domain of said magneto-optical recording layer can be read back from said auxiliary magnetic layer at the time of reproduction by virtue of the magnetic characteristics of said auxiliary magnetic layer, and wherein said auxiliary magnetic layer comprises a stack including at least two sub-layers which are anti-ferromagnetically coupled through a non-magnetic metallic layer.
2. (original) A recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said sub-layers both consist of a rare-earth transition-metal material.
3. (currently amended) A recording medium according to claim 1-~~or~~ 2, wherein said sub-layers have substantially the same composition.

4. (currently amended) A recording medium according to claim 1, ~~2~~
~~or 3~~, wherein said rare-earth transition-metal material comprises
GdFeCo.

5. (currently amended) A recording medium according to claim 1, ~~2~~
~~or 3~~, wherein said rare-earth transition-metal material comprises
GdFe.

6. (currently amended) A recording medium according to ~~any one of~~
~~the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein said non-magnetic metallic
layer is an Ru layer.

7. (original) A recording medium according to claim 6, wherein
said Ru layer has a thickness ranging from 0.5 nm to 1.5 nm.

8. (original) A recording medium according to claim 6, wherein
said Ru layer has a thickness of about 0.9 nm.

9. (currently amended) A recording medium according to ~~any one of~~
~~the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the Kerr rotation or
ellipticity of the recording stack has a larger magnitude for the
antiparallel than for the parallel orientation of the sublayer
magnetizations.

10. (currently amended) A recording medium according to ~~any one~~
~~of the preceding claims~~claim 1 wherein the storage layer and the
auxiliary layer are coupled over a non-magnetic interlayer.

11. (currently amended) A recording medium according to ~~any one~~
~~of the preceding claims~~claim 1 wherein the auxiliary layer and the
intermediate layer are coupled at least in a temperature range
below the readout temperature by exchange interaction.

12. (original) A method of manufacturing a magneto-optical
recording medium comprising a magneto-optical recording layer and
an auxiliary magnetic layer, wherein a recorded magnetic domain of
said magneto-optical recording layer is magnetically transferred to
said auxiliary magnetic layer upon irradiation with a reproducing
radiation, whereby a larger magnetic domain than said recording
magnetic domain can be read back from said auxiliary magnetic layer
at the time of reproduction by virtue of the magnetic
characteristics of said auxiliary magnetic layer, said method
comprising the step of forming said auxiliary magnetic layer by
generating at least two sub-layers which are anti-ferromagnetically
coupled through a non-magnetic metallic layer.